



### JUST IN TIME FOR NATIONAL POLICE WEEK ~ SENATE BILL 767 PROPOSES FUNDING FOR THE MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND

#### National Police Week

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. In Michigan, the 21st Michigan Peace Officers' Candlelight Memorial Service will be held at the State Capitol in Lansing on Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m.



#### Senate Bill 767

On April 24, the Michigan Senate Appropriations Committee approved an amendment in Senate Bill 767 for an appropriation to fund the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument. If approved by the full Senate, this appropriation will be considered by the House of Representatives and could be submitted to the Governor. This is a development of great importance for the Memorial Monument, as it is the first time a legislative appropriation has been seriously considered.

#### Sources of Funding and Tax Benefits

2004 PA 177 contemplates two sources of funding to build and maintain the Memorial Monument: legislative appropriations and other public or private contributions. Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code authorizes deductions for contributions made to instrumentalities of the State for public purposes, or made for the use of the State, both of which apply to the Memorial Monument.

#### Your Help Is Needed!

The next two weeks are critical for obtaining substantial funding for the Memorial Monument. Please take a few minutes to call or send an e-mail to your state representative and ask him or her to vote in favor of an appropriation for the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund.

Contact information for your state representative may be found at:

[www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic](http://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic)



## FACTS ABOUT THE MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MONUMENT

In 2004, the Governor signed Public Act 177 into law, creating the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund and a Commission to administer the Fund. The following year, the Governor appointed members to the Commission and the Attorney General and the State Treasurer assigned designees to serve on it. In 2006, land between the State Capitol and the Hall of Justice was dedicated for the Memorial Monument. A design for the Monument created by architect David Melling called "the Sentinel" was chosen from a field of four finalists in 2007.

The Memorial Monument will consist of twenty-one 4' by 8' glass panels engraved with the names of the nearly six hundred officers who have given their lives serving the people of Michigan. The panels will run from west to east and be illuminated from below. The transparency of the panels will provide a sense of strength and stability due to their scale, and allow for security and visibility on the site, while also allowing a view of the nearby Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial from Allegan Street.



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